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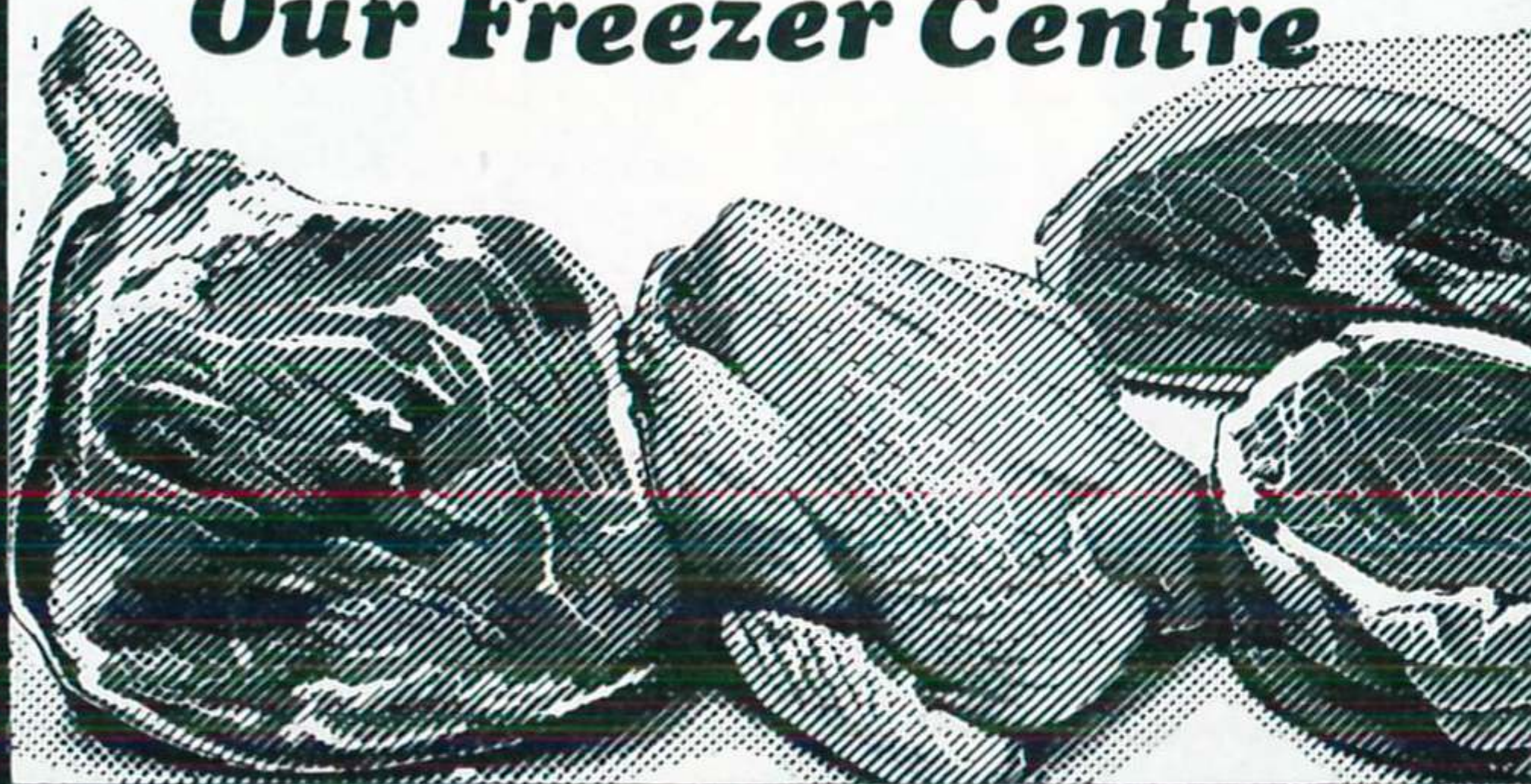
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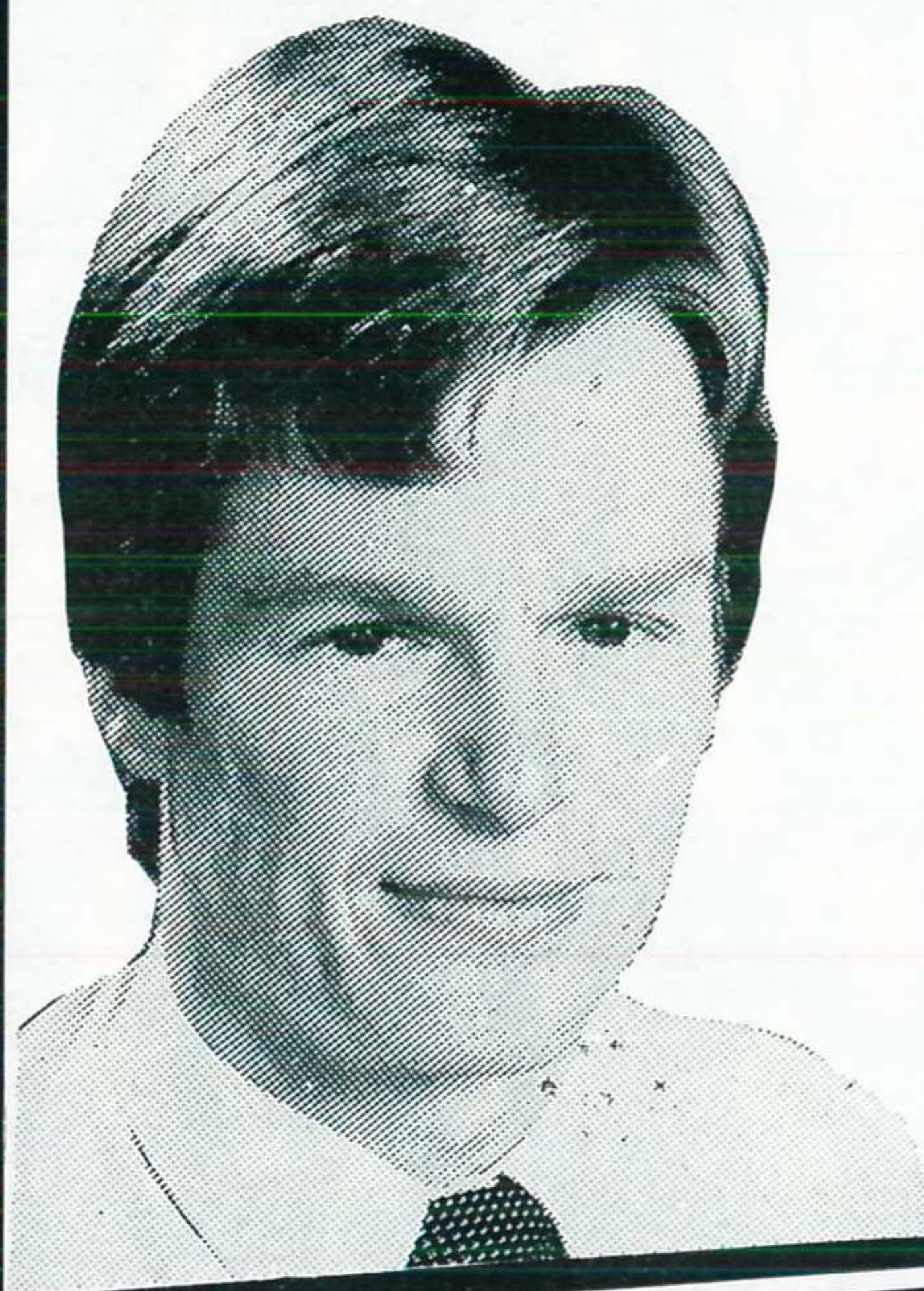
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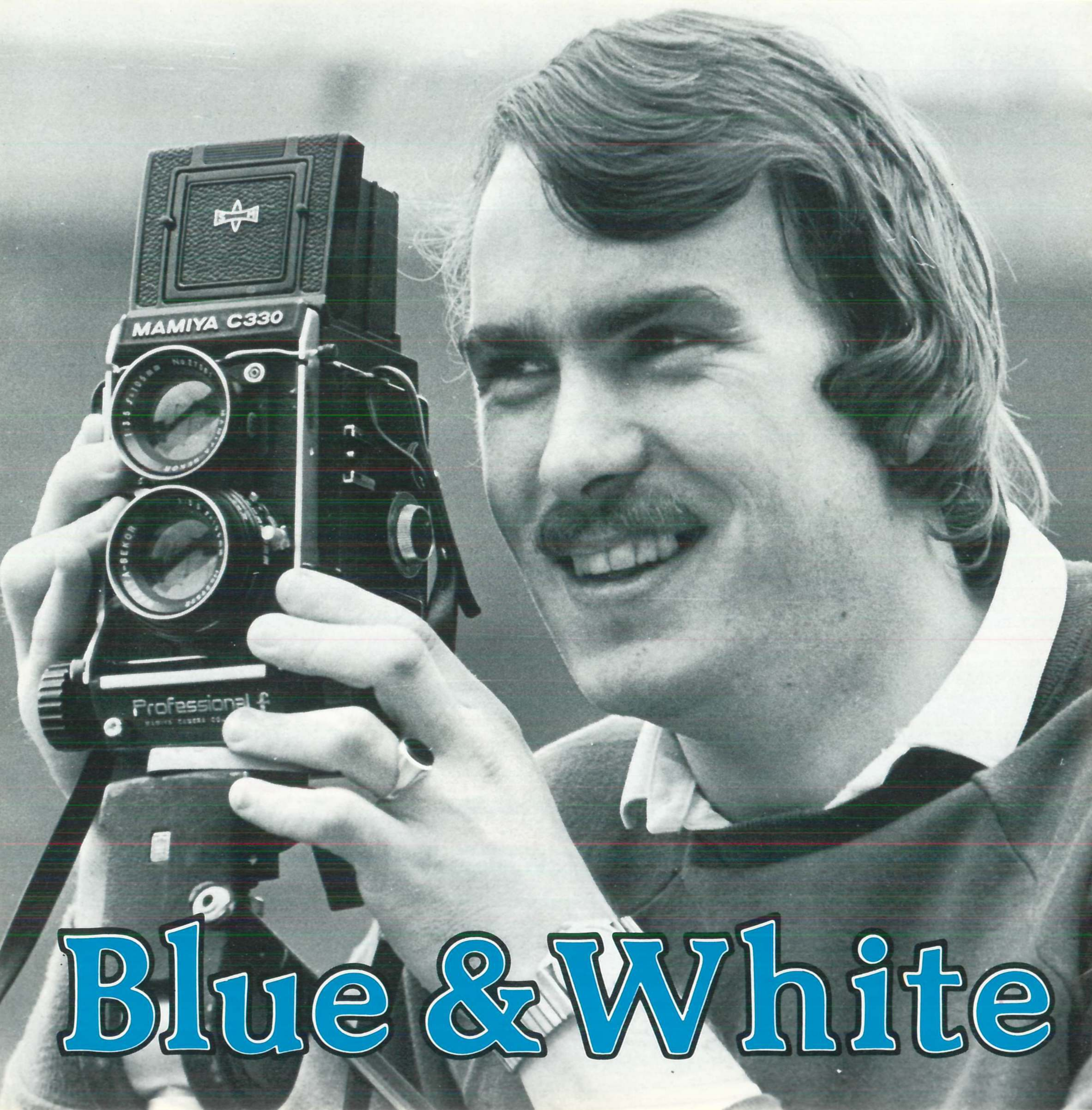
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BRIAN COX

Over the years, watching countless goalkeepers mature, many going on to fame, and the majority lasting the course into their 30's and putting in consistent performances, one essential attribute for the job constantly forces attention.

The bravery, the technical aspects, the confidence, are the outward things that we all assess, but I'm talking about the capability of keeping ice-cool concentration throughout each match.

It's not easy. Sometimes the pressures they have to overcome are caused by over activity in their goalmouth and then it might be through lack of action, most of the play being at the other end. Yet throughout a match a goalkeeper has to be ready to make perhaps the one vital save . . .

If he makes a great save, for example tipping the ball round the post for a corner, he must shrug off the well-meaning encouragement of his own team and supporters to be ready to handle the corner kick in the next few seconds.

I soon discovered that Brian Cox comes into the category of keepers with the fortunate natural temperament which permits them to develop this necessary 'isolation' technique. At 19 he is ready to establish himself when the opportunity presents itself. Remember last year . . . 4th September, when he grasped the chance in the League Cup against Manchester City? He kept out the "millionaire" strikers, making a super-save from Mick Robinson, until the bombardment in the last two minutes saw City fortunately leave the field 2-1 winners.

He is another Sheffield born lad. He comes from Intake. Contrary to many records, he never played for Sheffield Boys. He used to play in the same Youth Club team as his older brother Denis. Brian was in goal, Denis centre forward.

Brian was spotted by scout George McCabe playing in a local Sunday side and invited to train at Hillsborough. The good reports he got playing for Middlewood Rovers prompted Ken Knighton and former manager Len Ashurst to call at his home and sign him, at 16, as an apprentice. At 18 he signed pro forms.

He was going to the City School at Stradbroke when he decided to accept the chance offered by Wednesday. He was preparing to take 'A' levels but he was enjoying the game so much at the time and, as he told me, "felt like having a go at the pro game", so he needed little persuading.

His education continued, however, whilst he was training with the Owls, and he passed the Ordinary National Certificate in Business Studies with examinations in Accounting, Law, English and Economics.

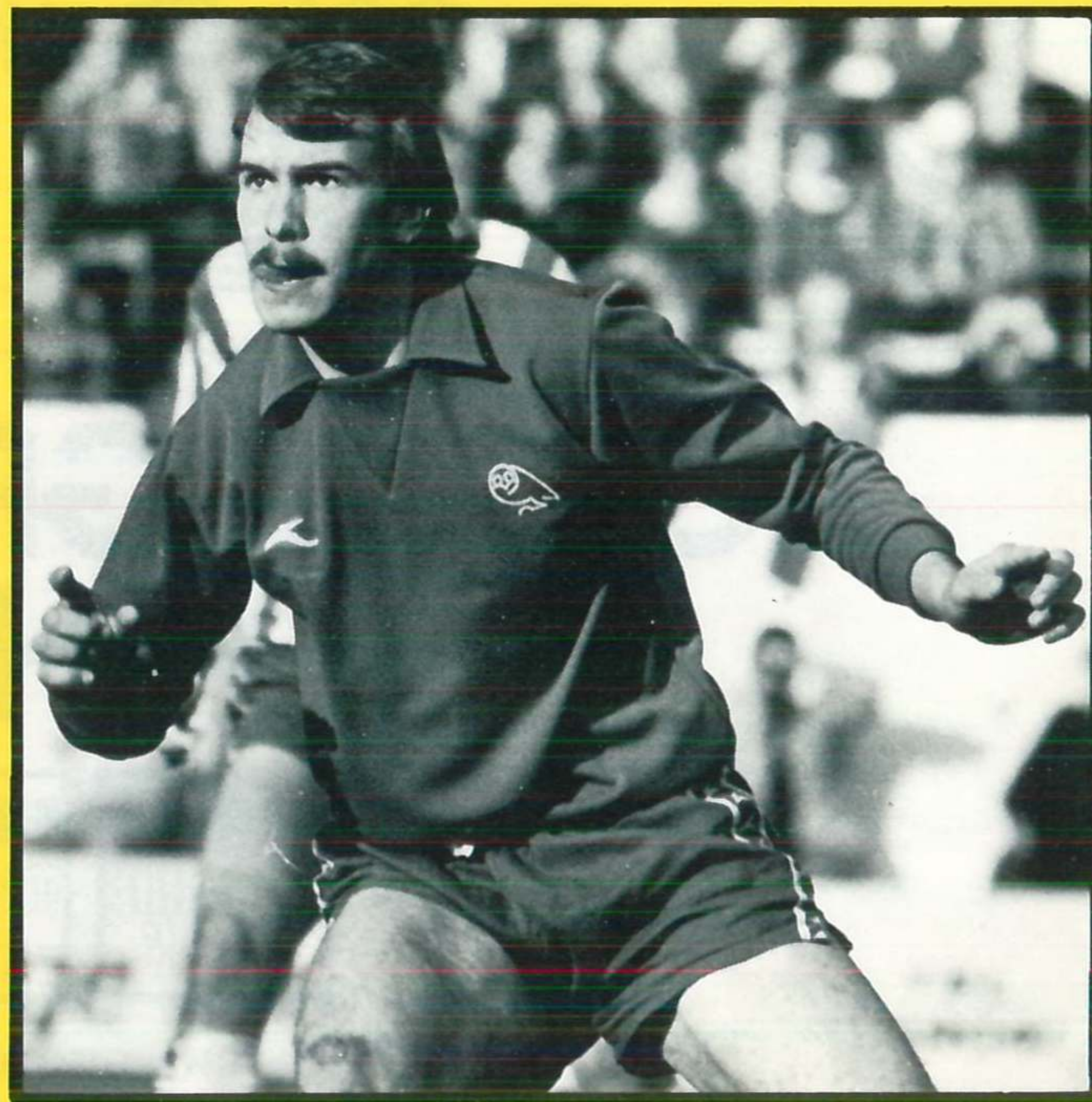
He has two married sisters, Brenda and Maureen. His mother, Grace, used to work in a greengrocers but she has retired now like his father, Arthur, who used to be in the steel industry and then was a miner at Treeton, near Rotherham. Brian was just six years old when Arthur took him for the first time to watch the Owls. They used to sit in the front of the South Stand.

The young lady in Brian's life is fair haired Adrienne Youle, a nurse at the Northern General Hospital. They used to know each other at school and are now engaged.

When I saw them all recently and we chatted about all sorts of things, it was clear that Brian can launch his football career with the backing of an assured happy family background.

He is a true all-rounder. He likes to swim, play golf and badminton and represents Cawthorne Cricket Club in the Huddersfield League. Photography is obviously going to be a growing interest for him.

He enjoys a visit to London with Adrienne, seeking out places not on the usual tourist route. They are looking forward to the Dire Straits concert soon at Sheffield's City Hall. In time, when he has got his own house there will undoubtedly be a dog around, either a retriever or a setter. But for now, there's only football . . . and Sheffield Wednesday.



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Peter & Paul SHIRTLIFF



Peter Shirtliff

The proudest parents in South Yorkshire last week just had to be Malcolm and Doreen Shirtliff. Last Tuesday their son Paul (18 the day before) signed professional forms, joining his brother Peter on Wednesday's books.

The signing brought to mind brothers Jim and Tom McAnearney who used to play for the Owls. Jack Charlton will no doubt have thought back to the time his younger brother, Bobby, joined him in the pro' ranks.

The Shirtliff brothers come from Hoyland, midway between Barnsley and Sheffield. They have three sisters who with their mother and father come into the city as a group on match days to cheer on their boys.

Malcolm Shirtliff was once on the fringe of becoming a professional player and Doreen's father, Bill Turner, was a well known player with Lincoln.

Confident in his sons, Malcolm told us just before Paul signed: "They are both bright academically—Peter has six O levels and an ONC diploma in Business Studies and Paul has seven O levels and is studying the same diploma. I wouldn't have let them become professionals unless I thought they could get a good career out of the game."

Malcom has been following the Owls since he was five years old. He took Peter to his first game at Hillsborough when he was four and Paul was even younger (3) when he accompanied his father to the ground.

"Peter, I suppose, is the quieter one of the two" Malcolm pointed out" and Paul is the more extrovert. Peter has mostly played as a centre half whilst Paul is a midfielder."

Malcolm has had the pleasure of seeing his sons progress together with Barnsley Boys, Middlewood Rovers (Wednesday's nursery club) and through the Wednesday junior sides.

"I have always impressed upon them" he said "that they are only as good as their last game and that consistency is the key to success . . . and to give one hundred per cent.

"It's wonderful to see one son make it . . . but for two . . . well it's just tremendous! One day I'm sure we'll see them playing together in the first team."



Paul Shirtliff

2nd Opinion

Winner on the way . . . Terry Curran evades a tackle to score the winning goal against Wrexham on Saturday (below).

Jon Culley of the Morning Telegraph takes a topical look at the Second Division

Derby County are hoping the magic of a name from the past might spark the revival the club needs after being relegated from the First Division last season.

County, struggling slightly in their first season down, have re-signed a man whose goalscoring exploits were part and parcel of the Baseball Ground success story under Brian Clough and then Tommy Docherty in the late 1960s and early 70s.

The man is 34-year-old Kevin Hector, who had not played league football for two and a half seasons, but was as keen as present manager Colin Addison to prove he can help Derby again.

There is something of a parallel between Derby's position now and their predicament when Hector first joined them as a 20-year-old in 1966. Derby were a struggling side then, lying low in the Second Division, although they had the dynamic figure of chairman Sam Longson waiting in the wings for the chance to push his club into the big time.

It was Longson who rather surprised the football world when he sent manager Tim Ward off to Bradford Park Avenue to buy Hector in 1966. Derby's interest in the striker who had scored 44 goals in 46 league games was not the surprise. The fee Longson was prepared to pay — £40,000 — was. The sum was easily a record for a club used to spending £5,000 here, £12,000 there for players, and beat all other bids for Hector by a clear £15,000.

Hector was an instant hit at the Baseball Ground, and went on to stay with the club 12 years, and maintained the remarkable First Division scoring rate of one in three matches (145 in 431). He became recognised as one of the most effective strikers in the league, and earned two England caps — though both were as substitute, when he played only 20 minutes in all.

In 1978, Hector's career at Derby seemed to be over. Less-illustrious neighbours Mansfield had tabled a bid for the 31-year-old, but America beckoned, and when Tommy Docherty accepted £10,000 from Vancouver Whitecaps, Kevin became the third British player to move trans-Atlantic in what was to become the great American Talent Rush.

The move was not difficult to make for Hector. Vancouver is an area heavily populated with Europeans and the infant American soccer game was finding as much support there as in any other part of the States.

What's more, Kevin's old Derby mate Alan Hinton was Vancouver manager. Hector had two good seasons in the NASL, where he continued to score goals, but seemed to be heading for obscurity at the start of this season when the contract with Vancouver ended, he turned up playing non-league soccer with Boston United and Burton Albion.

Then on 7 October came the call from Derby boss Addison which could

rescue the fortunes of both club and player. Still believing he could play well in the Second Division at least, Hector signed the day after the call. While hoping his own scoring talents will not have deserted him, Hector has other ambitions for Derby.

"I'm going to do all I can to help the younger players and perhaps the glory may start again this season," Hector says. "I feel Colin Addison will bring stability and get the club back in its feet. It's tragic to see them where they are today.



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	19	Bolton W.	0-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Williamson	Smith	Pickering	King	Taylor	Johnson	Mellor	McCulloch	Curran	Owen
	23	Notts C.	0-2	Bolder	Blackhall	Williamson	Smith	Pickering	King	Taylor	Johnson	Mellor*	McCulloch	Curran	Owen*
	27	Wimbledon (LC2)	1-2	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	King	Owen ¹	Johnson	Lowey	McCulloch	Curran	Oliver
	30	Preston N.E.	3-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	King ¹	Taylor	Johnson	Owen	McCollo ²	Curran	Mellor
SEPT.	2	Wimbledon (LC2)	3-1	Cox	Blackhall	Grant ¹	Smith	Pickering	King	Taylor	Johnson	Owen ¹	McCulloch	Curran ¹	Campbe
	6	Oldham A.	0-2	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	King	Taylor	Johnson	Owen	Mellor	Curran	Oliver*
	13	Bristol C.	2-1	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	King ¹	Taylor	Johnson	Owen*	Pearson ¹	Mellor	Campbe
	20	Q.P.R.	1-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	King	Taylor	Johnson*	Owen	Pearson ¹	Mellor	Oliver*
	23	Watford (LC3)	1-2	Cox	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	King*	Taylor	Mellor	Owen	McCulloch	Pearson ¹	Oliver*
	27	Swansea C.	3-2	Cox	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	Hornsby ¹	Taylor	Mellor	Leman	McCullo ¹	Pearson ¹	Sterland
OCT.	4	Derby C.	1-3	Cox	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	King	Hornsby*	Taylor	Leman	McCullo ¹	Curran	Pearson
	7	Blackburn R.	2-1	Cox	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering*	Hornsby ¹	Taylor	Johnson	King	McCulloch	Curran ¹	Mellor*
	11	Cardiff C.	2-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Hornsby ¹	Taylor	Johnson	King	McCullo ¹	Curran	Leman
	18	Bristol R.	3-3	Bolder	Blackhall ¹	Grant ¹	Smith	Pickering	Hornsby	Taylor	Johnson	King*	McCullo ¹	Curran	Sterland
	21	Grimsby T.	0-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Hornsby	Taylor	Johnson	Sterland	McCulloch	Curran*	Mellor*
	25	Orient	2-2	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Hornsby	Taylor	Johnson	Sterland	McCullo ¹ *	Mirocevic ¹	Mellor*
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Bristol City	15,054	Oldham	14,000		
Q.P.R.	15,195	Swansea	9,764		
Watford (LC3)	14,085	Derby	18,554		
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Bristol Rovers v Oldham Athletic 3,808
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Bolton Wanderers v Swansea City 1—4

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Chelsea	32,669	20,226	Lee 11 Walker 8
Derby County	20,353	17,581	Biley 5 Swindlehurst 3
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Newcastle	24,848	16,746	Shinton 5 Hibbitt 3
Watford	19,802	12,173	Poskett 7 Jenkins 2
Swansea City	13,323	11,115	L. James 6 Waddle 6
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Oldham	14,000	8,021	Stainrod 5 Wylde 2
Cambridge	9,558	7,008	Reilly 3 Christie 3
Wrexham	10,913	6,742	McNeil 6 Vinter 4
Preston	9,063	6,190	Bruce 5 Elliott 3
Cardiff City	8,439	6,090	Stevens 4 Kitchen 3
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STATISTICS



BOLTON Wanderers

Tonight's visitors Bolton Wanderers, relegated from the First Division last season after two seasons in the top flight, are beginning to find their Second Division feet again after a rather indifferent start to the season.

The Trotters, who held Wednesday to a goal-less draw in an exciting match at Burnden Park earlier in the season, found their top form recently with a 6-1 defeat of Cambridge, when the former Manchester United hero Brian Kidd hit a hat-trick.



Back row: Mike Graham, Dave Hoggan, Terry Poole, Chris Thompson, Mike Bennett, Peter Reid. **Middle row:** Tadeusz Nowak, Dave Clement, Mike Walsh, Dennis Peacock, Len Cantello, Peter Nicholson, Brian Kidd. **Front row:** Alan Gowling, Phil Wilson, Dave Burke, Neil Whatmore, Mike Carter, Paul Jones.

Managed by former Doncaster Rovers boss Stan Anderson, Bolton are struggling to maintain a great tradition of success enjoyed by the Burnden Park club.

Bolton have won the FA Cup four times, and though they have never been champions, they have had long spells in the First Division.

Original members of the Football League, Bolton enjoyed a 53-year First Division spell from 1911 to 1964, broken only by two seasons in the Second in the 1930s.

DENNIS PEACOCK Signed by Anderson from Doncaster Rovers last March, goalkeeper Dennis has become No. 1 for the position following the sale of Jim McDonagh. At 6 ft 3 ins one of the tallest goalkeepers in the League.

TERRY POOLE A £25,000 signing from Huddersfield in January 1977, Terry occupies a deputy's role, and has been kept out of the first team by first McDonagh and then Peacock. Had a spell on loan with Sheffield United last season.

PETER NICHOLSON Defender Peter has proved to be a bargain signing. Joined Wanderers for a small fee from Blackpool before the 1971-72 season. Has also played in midfield.

MIKE WALSH Manchester-born Mike joined the club straight from school, and has captained the side. Equally proficient as a full or centre back, or in midfield.

BRIAN KIDD A goalscorer for Manchester United in their Wembley European Cup final victory in 1968, Brian is a much-travelled goal-getter who has also been capped twice by England. Has also played for Arsenal, Manchester City and Everton, and signed for Bolton for £150,000 last May.

PAUL JONES A tall, quick-tackling defender, Paul has been a member of under-23 and full England squads. Can play at full-back, but is more established as a central defender. Dangerous as an extra attacker in set pieces.

PETER REID Peter joined Bolton as a schoolboy, and was a regular member of England's under-21 side, which he also captained. Missed half of the 1978-79 season with a serious knee injury, and has been absent recently over a much-publicised transfer/pay dispute.

NEIL WHATMORE A powerful attacker with a flair for scoring goals, Neil was leading marksman last season with 18 goals. Can also play in midfield.

MIKE CARTER Striker Mike had a spell on loan with Mansfield, scoring four goals in 18 games, before making his league debut for Bolton in December 1979 against Bristol City. Scored his first league goal later that month.

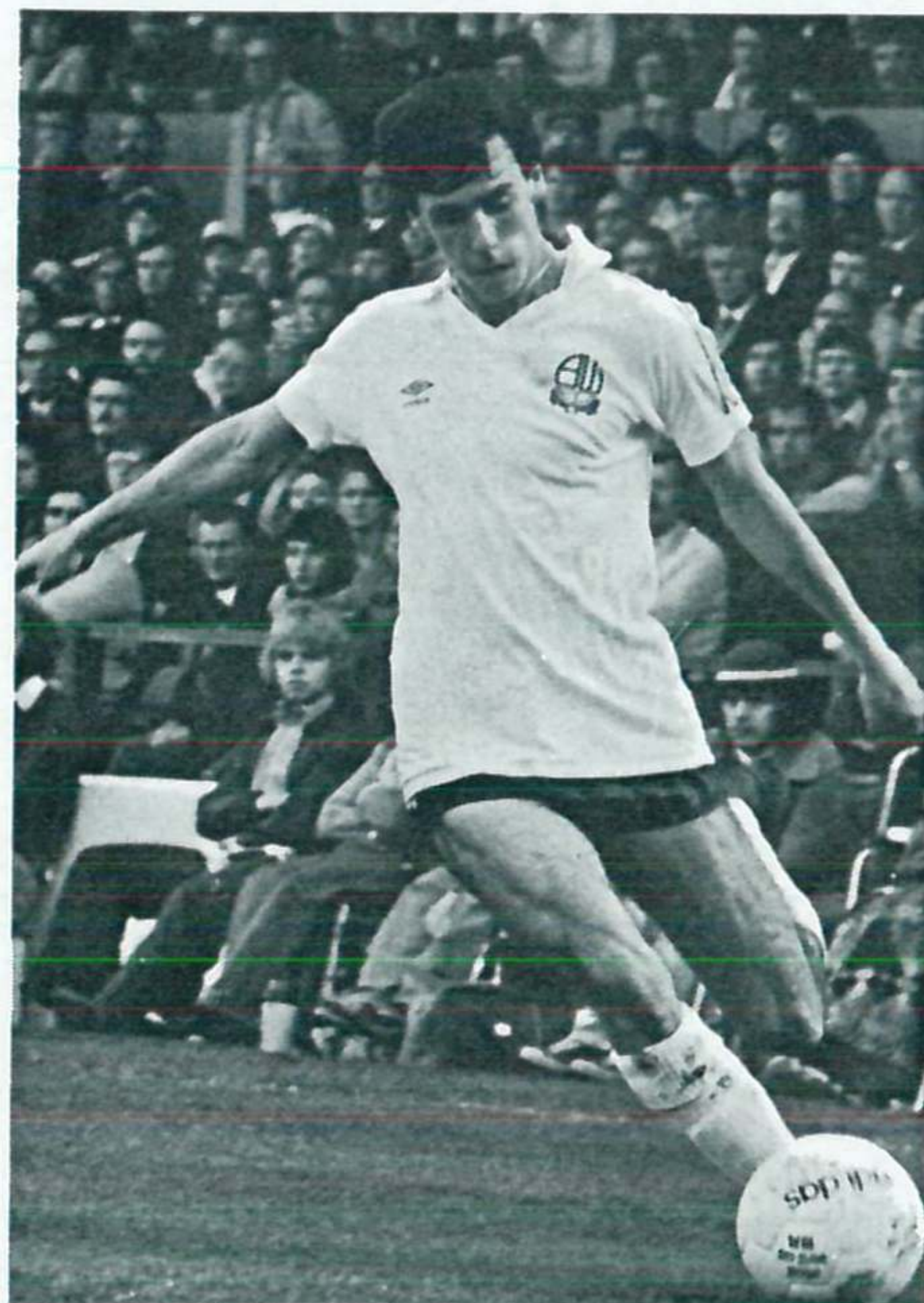
LEN CANTELLO A record £350,000 signing from West Brom in June 1979, Len is a midfield player of recognised experience. A player with the ability to stamp his influence on a game, and to score unexpected goals.

ALAN GOWLING Striker or midfield player Alan was a £120,000 signing from Newcastle three seasons ago after four years in the North East. Began his career with Manchester United, and also had a long association with Huddersfield.

DAVID HOGGAN Joined Bolton from Tynecastle Boys' Club, Edinburgh, as an apprentice in November 1977 and signed full pro terms in August 1979. Made his league debut at Bristol City on 12 April this year. Plays in midfield.

DAVE CLEMENT England international full-back Dave was signed from Queen's Park Rangers for £150,000 in June 1979.

An experienced defender who has added stability to the Wanderers back four.



DAVID BURKE An exciting prospect, David emerged on the first team scene at the start of the 1978-79 season and made his debut against Chelsea in a League Cup tie. Can play at full-back or in midfield.

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I've heard one or two people moaning about our form recently, going about with gloomy faces when we have lost as if we have some kind of divine right to success.

I have to stress now that I never promised anyone that we would go straight up to the First Division at the first attempt. It would be wrong for anyone to raise their hopes so high, because I'm not sure we would be good enough to cope if we did go up.

At the moment the team is going through a transition. When I came here I had to build a team capable of getting out of the Third Division and surviving in the Second.

Now I have to build a team capable of getting out of the Second Division and surviving in the First. That's what I'm working at right now.

We learnt one or two things against Wrexham last Saturday, although there is still a long way to go.

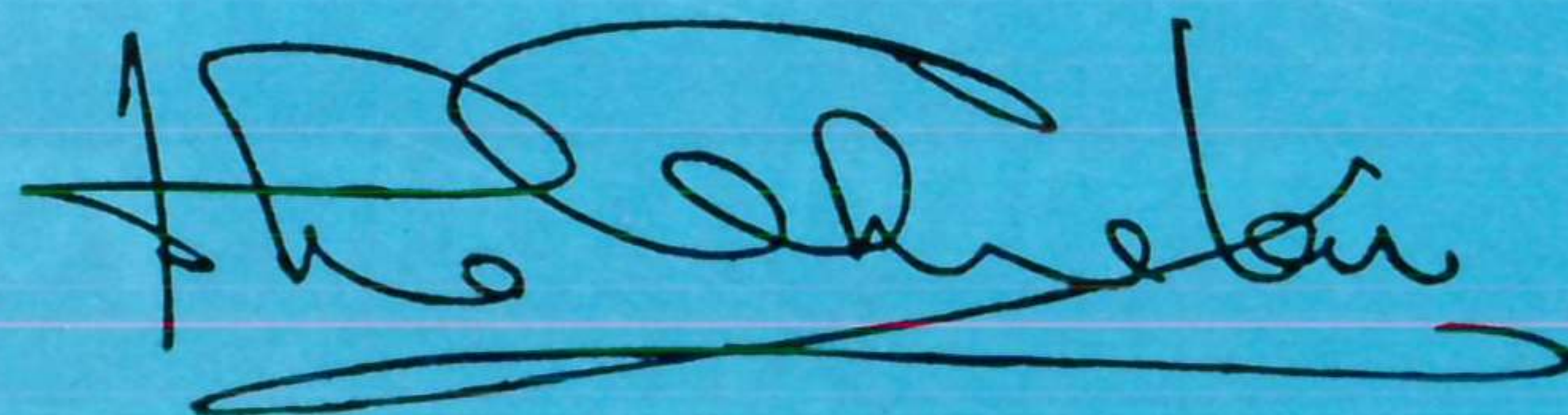
I put Curran in midfield in place of Taylor and played Mirocevic up front to see how it worked, and though Ante is still something of a mystery, I thought it worked quite well.

Some of the papers were talking about the two players switching at half-time, saying that it was because Curran went up front after the break that he scored twice and we won. That is not strictly true.

What happened was that Curran's attitude in the first half was not right. He was sitting around in midfield doing nothing.

I told him he had to show more enthusiasm and get on with the job, which is what he did. He started going forward more himself, and this allowed Ante more freedom to start things from deep as well as from the front.

Curran scored twice, but both goals came because he was pushing up from midfield. He is best running at people with the ball, or running behind them with it, and I intend to persevere with him in that role.



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GAMES AND GOALS

	THIS SEASON				OWLS TOTAL	
	LEAGUE CUP		DIVISION TWO		LEAGUE	
	App	Sub Goals	App	Sub Goals	App	Sub Goals
Bob Bolder	3	—	13	—	86	—
Ray Blackhall	5	—	16	1	72	1
Phil Campbell	—	—	— + 1	—	— + 1	—
Brian Cox	2	—	3	—	22	—
Terry Curran	4	2	12	3	64 + 1	26
Dave Grant	4	1	13	1	106 + 1	4
Brian Hornsby	—	—	9	3	99 + 1	25
Jeff Johnson	3	1	14	—	156 + 4	6
Jeff King	5	—	12	2	44 + 3	5
Dennis Leman	—	—	2	—	73 + 15	8
John Lowey	1	—	—	—	35 + 7	4
Andy McCulloch	5	—	13	8	43	20
Ian Mellor	2	—	7 + 4	—	39 + 9	11
Ante Mirocevic	—	—	2 + 1	1	2 + 1	1
Gavin Oliver	— + 1	—	— + 2	—	— + 2	—
Gordon Owen	5	2	4 + 1	—	25 + 9	4
John Pearson	1	1	3 + 1	3	3 + 1	3
Mike Pickering	5	—	13	—	80	—
Mark Smith	5	—	16	—	82 + 1	9
Kevin Taylor	4	1	15	1	40 + 1	7
Charlie Williamson	1	—	3	—	6	—
Peter Shirliff	—	—	3	—	32	1
Melvyn Sterland	—	—	3 + 1	—	4 + 4	1

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Goal Diff.
Notts County	16	10	5	1	23	12	25	+11
West Ham United	15	10	4	1	23	8	24	+15
Chelsea	16	9	5	2	30	15	23	+15
Swansea City	16	7	6	3	24	16	20	+8
Blackburn Rovers	16	8	4	4	20	14	20	+6
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	16	8	4	4	23	20	20	+3
Orient	16	7	4	5	25	18	18	+7
Derby County	15	5	6	4	20	21	16	—1
Newcastle United	16	6	4	6	15	25	16	—10
Preston North End	16	4	7	5	14	18	15	—4
Cambridge United	16	7	1	8	20	26	15	—6
BOLTON WANDERERS	16	5	4	7	26	24	14	+2
Luton Town	16	5	4	7	20	21	14	—1
Wrexham	16	5	4	7	16	15	14	—1
Watford	16	6	2	8	21	24	14	—3
Queen's Park Rangers	16	4	5	7	21	17	13	+4
Shrewsbury Town	16	4	6	6	17	20	12	—3
Oldham Athletic	16	3	6	7	11	16	12	—5
Grimsby Town	16	2	8	6	7	15	12	—8
Bristol City	16	3	5	8	13	20	11	—7
Cardiff City	16	5	1	10	16	25	11	—9
Bristol Rovers	16	1	7	8	12	25	9	—13

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LEAGUE . . . F.A. CUP . . . NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE . . . YOUTH CUP . . . LEAGUE CUP

Tuesday, 21st October, 1980

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO GRIMSBY TOWN 0 WEDNESDAY 0

What the game lacked in class it did nevertheless make up with plenty of excitement. Generally the football was played at excess speed and badly needed someone to put his foot on the ball, but there were enough goalmouth incidents to keep most people happy.

The game started badly for Wednesday when Terry Curran was stretchered off with a badly gashed leg in the seventh minute. T.C. had already given notice of his form with a brilliant dribble and shot which produced an equally brilliant save by Batch in the home goal.

Before Mellor came on as substitute Bolder was called into action to deny Grimsby winger Brolly, but Wednesday were soon showing determination and aggression. It was Mellor who nearly opened the scoring first with a header, then forcing Batch to make another good save and finally looking to have some grounds for a penalty when challenged by the goalkeeper. It was not all Wednesday by any means and Bolder did well and then young Peter Shirtliff headed off the line, before Grimsby went near once more when Moore's header clipped the bar.

In the second half the Mariners stepped up the pressure but the Wednesday defence proved solid, although Grimsby may well have had justifiable grounds for a penalty on one occasion.

Bob Bolder was in decisive form and his handling of a number of high balls pumped into the Wednesday area was first class, and he also showed great alertness when covering a sloppy back pass that could have proved fatal.

At the other end, Mellor caused consternation in the Grimsby goalmouth and Taylor, off balance, just shot wide, but when the final whistle came, a division of points was the right result.

Team: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirtliff, Hornsby, Taylor, Johnson, Sterland, McCulloch, Curran. Sub: Mellor.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY 0 MANCHESTER CITY 2

New manager John Bond was at Hillsborough to look over his Reserve side which included several of their big money buys.

Kasiv Denya who has over one hundred caps for Poland took the opportunity to impress his new boss with a spectacular goal in each half whilst Yugoslav International Stepanovic also caught the eye.

Young Wednesday battled hard but rarely caused the experienced McRae in the City goal any trouble.

Team: Cox, Strutt, Williamson, Beaumont, Matthewson, Shirtliff (Paul), Owen, Leman, Lowey, Campbell, King. Sub: Mills

Saturday, 25th October, 1980

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO WEDNESDAY 2 ORIENT 2

Although one might have expected a better game from the two clubs placed so well in the Second Division, three of the goals caused talking points.

The game also saw the debut of Wednesday's record signing, Ante Mirocevic and the Yugoslavian International was soon prominent with some good skills.

Neither side showed impressive form in the first half but it was Wednesday who were on top against a team who seemed mainly prepared to funnel back and defend.

On the stroke of halftime, Wednesday conjured a goal out of nothing following a disputed throw-in on the left. Johnson crossed the ball and there was Andy McCulloch to win the ariel battle with Gray and glance the ball past the goalkeeper. Before play restarted the referee booked an Orient player for continued protesting. McCulloch almost stole a second goal straight away but Mervyn Day made a fine save from his powerful shot.

Mirocevic made a splendid start to the second half and twice took the eye with good efforts before marking his debut with a goal in the 54th minute finding space in the box to plant a downward header into the net from Grant's centre.

Simon Mills, scored a fine goal against Coventry Reserves.



Soon afterwards, McCulloch, hurt earlier was substituted by Ian Mellor and the number twelve was quickly into action by providing good shooting opportunities for Johnson and Mirocevic which were wasted.

Sterland needed treatment and although he continued, was obviously in difficulties and after Wednesday's earlier domination started to fade, the London side came more into the game, and in the 74th minute reduced the arrears. A nice inter passing movement pierced the Owls rearguard but the final pass had the defenders appealing for offside as Moores easily beat Bolder.

Four minutes later came a further shock for Wednesday as Orient equalised and again it was under doubtful circumstances. As the visitors broke away on the right it appeared as if a player on the other side of the pitch was yards offside. However referee Warner allowed play to continue and Chiedozie sprinted away to crash the ball home.

So after apparantly coasting with a two goal lead, Wednesday were now reduced to saving the match and they could be grateful that Orient seemed content with a point and failed to keep up the pressure.

Team: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirtliff, Hornsby, Taylor, Johnson, Sterland, McCulloch, Mirocevic. Sub: Mellor.

Saturday, 1st November, 1980

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

LUTON TOWN 3 WEDNESDAY 0

It just wasn't Wednesday's day. Misdirected by the police en route to the ground, they lost their way completely during the match and to complete the misery faced the journey home minus the back window of the team coach.

The opening 15 minutes produced little of note with play generally scrappy. Grant hit a fierce free-kick wide, a Hornsby "bender" caused little trouble to goalkeeper Judge whilst at the other end Bob Bolder comfortably dealt with a couple of long range efforts from Luton.

Wednesday almost took the lead when Curran nearly latched on to a bad back-pass, the goalkeeper only just beating him to the ball but minutes later Luton looked to have justifiable appeals for a penalty when Pickering brought down Stein but the referee waved play on.

Bolder twice came to the Owls rescue with fine saves when it seemed Luton who now had the edge must score, and for a time Wednesday faced heavy pressure. They weathered this and came back with good efforts from Sterland and McCulloch before the interval.

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AWAY the Lads

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COVER PICTURE

Our record signing Ante Mirocevic pictured in action on his debut against Orient.

Following a couple of promising attacks from Wednesday the home side started to get on top again and seven minutes into the second half took the lead. A quickly taken free-kick caught the Wednesday defence out and as the ball was played into the box and Smith was adjudged to have fouled a Luton player despite his protests, and from the penalty Moss gave Bolder no chance.

Shortly after this Wednesday substituted Taylor with Mirocevic and the new signing was quickly involved in good moves with Sterland and McCulloch.

Luton still held the upper hand however and went further ahead in the 68th minute with a really five goal by Moss. With their confidence now sky high the Hatters tore at the Wednesday defence who battled grimly but with ten minutes to go they were again stranded and White made it 3-0.

In the final minutes the Owls nearly made the scoreline a bit more respectable when a strong header by Sterland from Mirocevic's cross produced a wonderful save from Judge.

A very disappointing display then and one hopes the watching England manager Ron Greenwood will have the opportunity to see the Owls on a better day.

Team: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Pickering, Hornsby, Taylor, Johnson, Sterland, McCulloch, Curran.

Sub: Mirocevic.



Andy McCulloch wins the ball v Luton.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY 1 COVENTRY 2

Wednesday suffered an early blow when the visitors went ahead after only four minutes, Cox saved a shot but could not hold on to the ball and Barnett had a simple job to net. The Owls fought back and Owen had bad luck when his shot crashed against the bar.

Cox made amends with a fine save but it was Coventry who were forced on the defensive for most of the first half and their goal underwent some narrow escapes.

Against the run of play Coventry went further ahead in the 78th minute with a cracking goal by Phillips. Wednesday continued to work hard and their determination was rewarded with a goal two minutes from the end, first year apprentice Simon Mills scoring with a well flighted lob.

Team: Cox, Oliver, Williamson, Shirtliff (Paul), Shirtliff (Peter), Matthewson, Campbell, Owen, Lowey, Leman, Mills.
Sub: Strutt.

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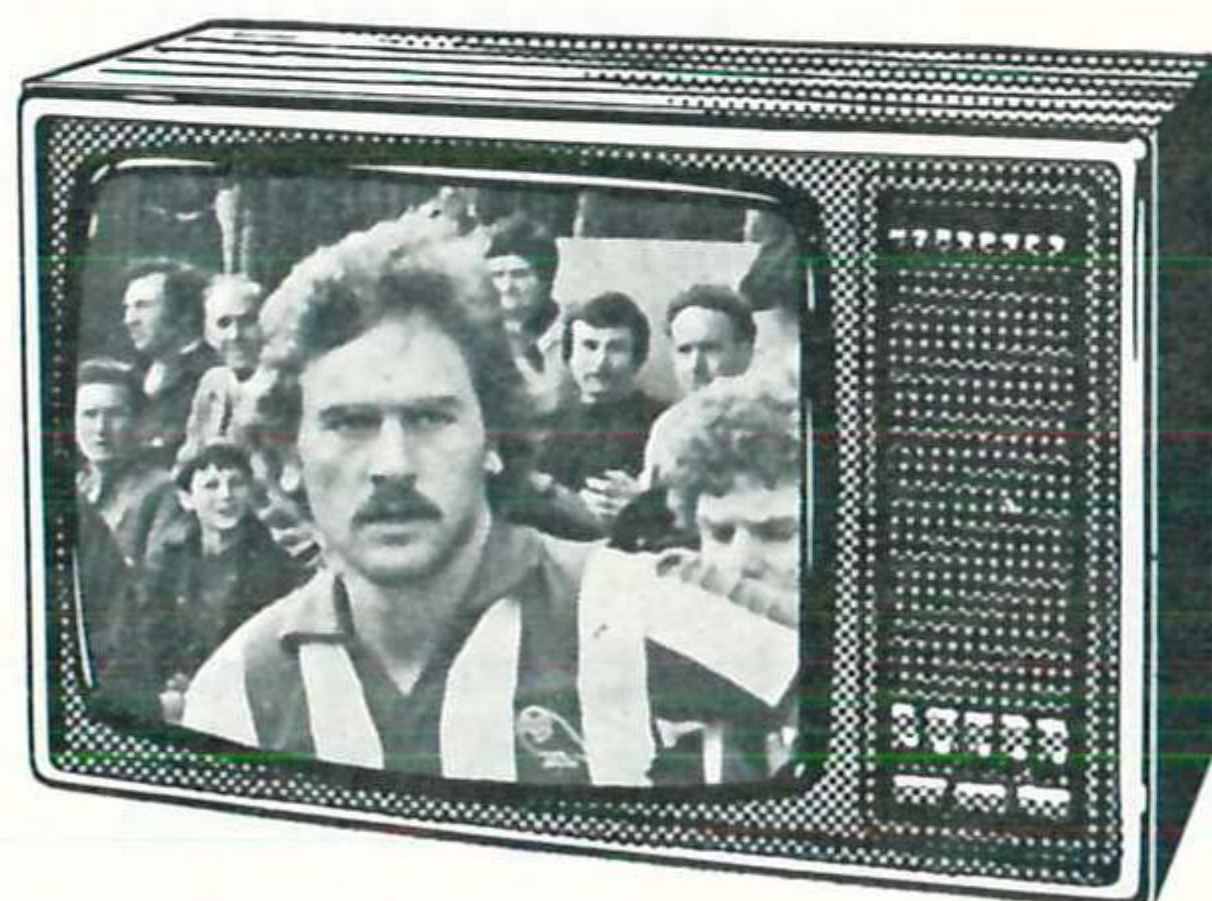
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LOOKING BACK

The First Division campaign of 1960-61 was quite rightly dominated by Tottenham Hotspur, whose cup victory over Leicester completed the elusive "double" for the first time since Aston Villa's league and cup success some 64 years before.

Wednesday's achievements that season were, however, almost as impressive—having come out of the Second just two seasons before the Owls did very well to finish runners-up to Spurs in a highly competitive First Division, and also reach the FA Cup 6th Round. But if Wednesday could overall claim one more league point at home than Spurs achieved at White Hart Lane, then the difference was that the North London club won 16 of their 21 away games—twice as many as the Owls. At least Wednesday had the distinction on 12th November, 1960 of being the first team to beat Spurs that season.

Spurs came to Hillsborough having won all their eight away games and having dropped just one point out of 16 at home. The Owls had won all their eight home games and a near capacity crowd saw the tussle to decide which record would go first. Thanks to goals by Griffin and Fantham (one of twenty he hit that season) it was the Londoners who failed, though Spurs won the more important return game in April at White Hart Lane by the same 2-1 scoreline.



It's interesting to draw one parallel between Spurs and Wednesday then; both were served by a "classic" half-back line. The creative right-half for the champions was Danny Blanchflower, a position occupied by Tom McAnearney here. At centre-half, Spurs' big Maurice Norman later succeeded our own Peter Swan in the No 5 England shirt but both players were as dependable as any at the time, while at No. 6 the two aggressive, driving left-halves were Tony Kay for Wednesday and Dave Mackay for Tottenham.

By the end of the season Wednesday, with 58 points and a perhaps uneven finish kept second place ahead of Wolves. Burnley, sixth round cup replay victors over the Owls, were fourth. Tottenham though were the undisputed champions with 66 points—a total that has only been bettered since by Leeds and Liverpool.

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South Elmsall born *Peter Swan* made 270 full league appearances for Wednesday in a career that was interrupted for eight years as a result of his involvement in the 1964 "Soccer Bribes" case.

By then the elegant but highly competitive Swan had won 19 full England caps at centre-half as well as a host of other honours, and his strength in the middle of a very competent Owls defence was a big part of Wednesday's First Division consistency in the early 'sixties.

After a few first-team games following his emotional return to Hillsborough, Swan joined Bury for the 1973-74 season and having played a full part in helping them to promotion to Division Three he went on to lead Matlock to their 1975 FA Trophy triumph at Wembley. Thus he played his last match on a ground he had previously played on some 13 years before.





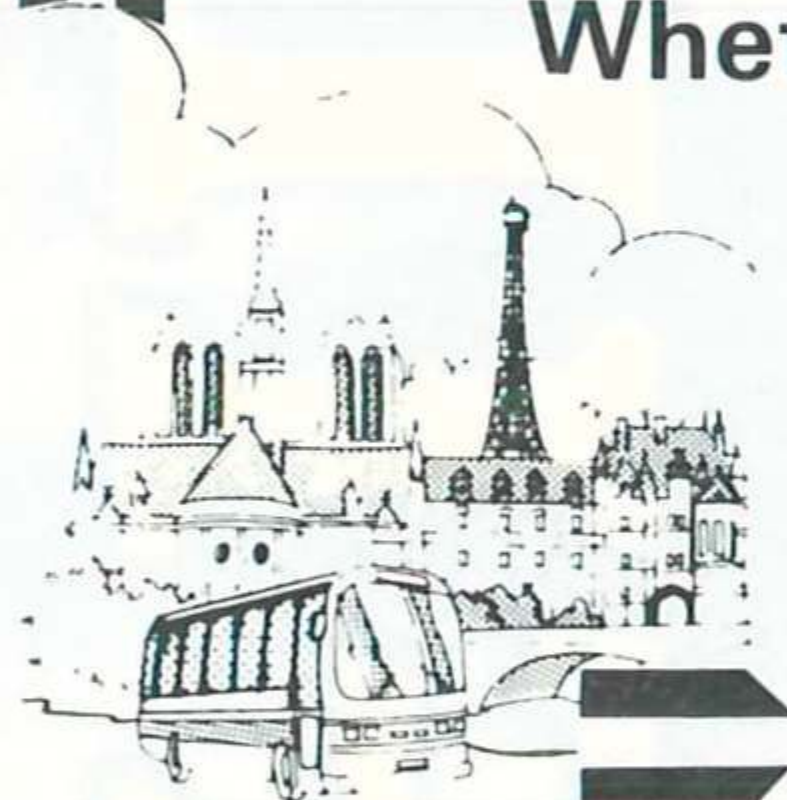
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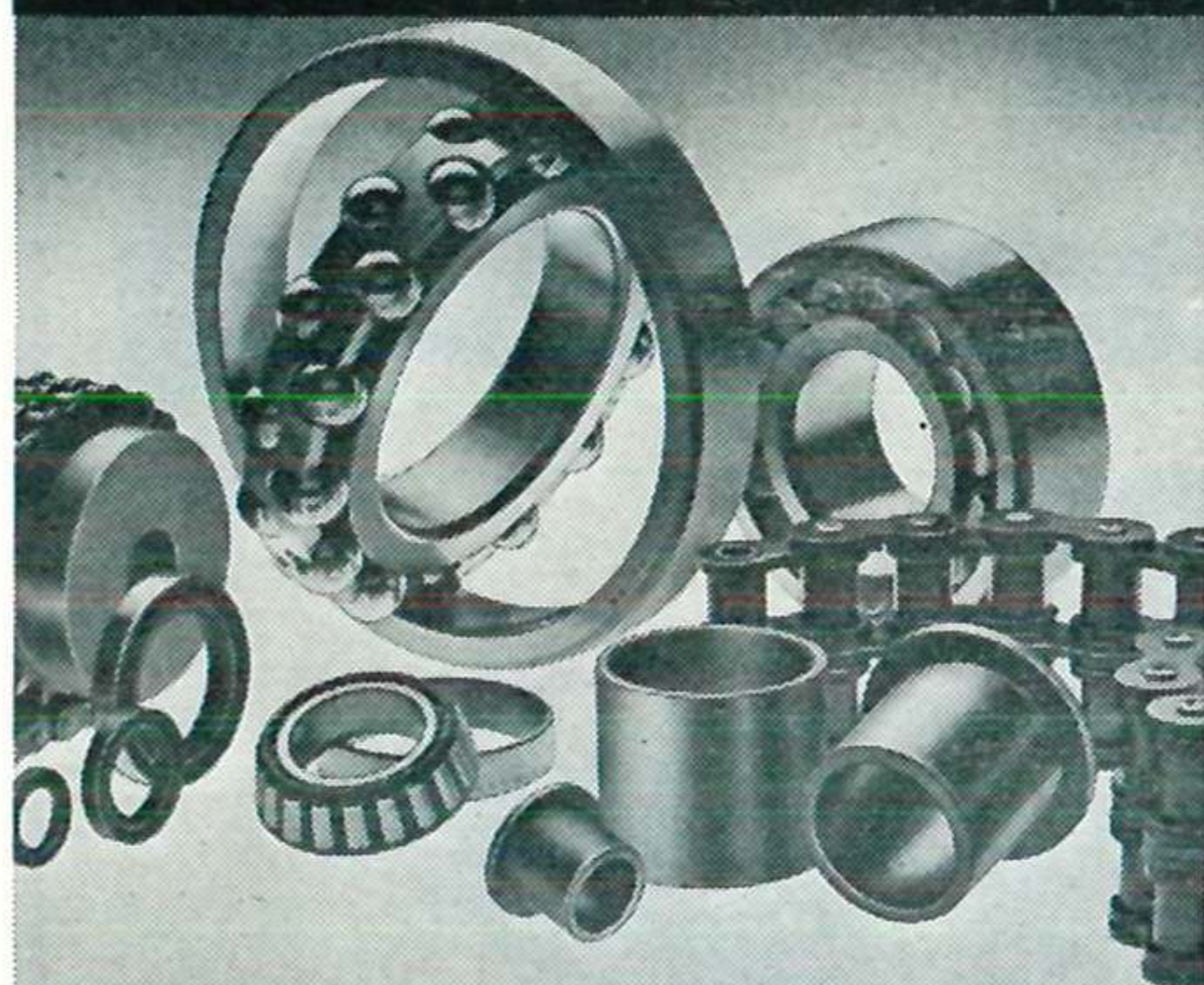
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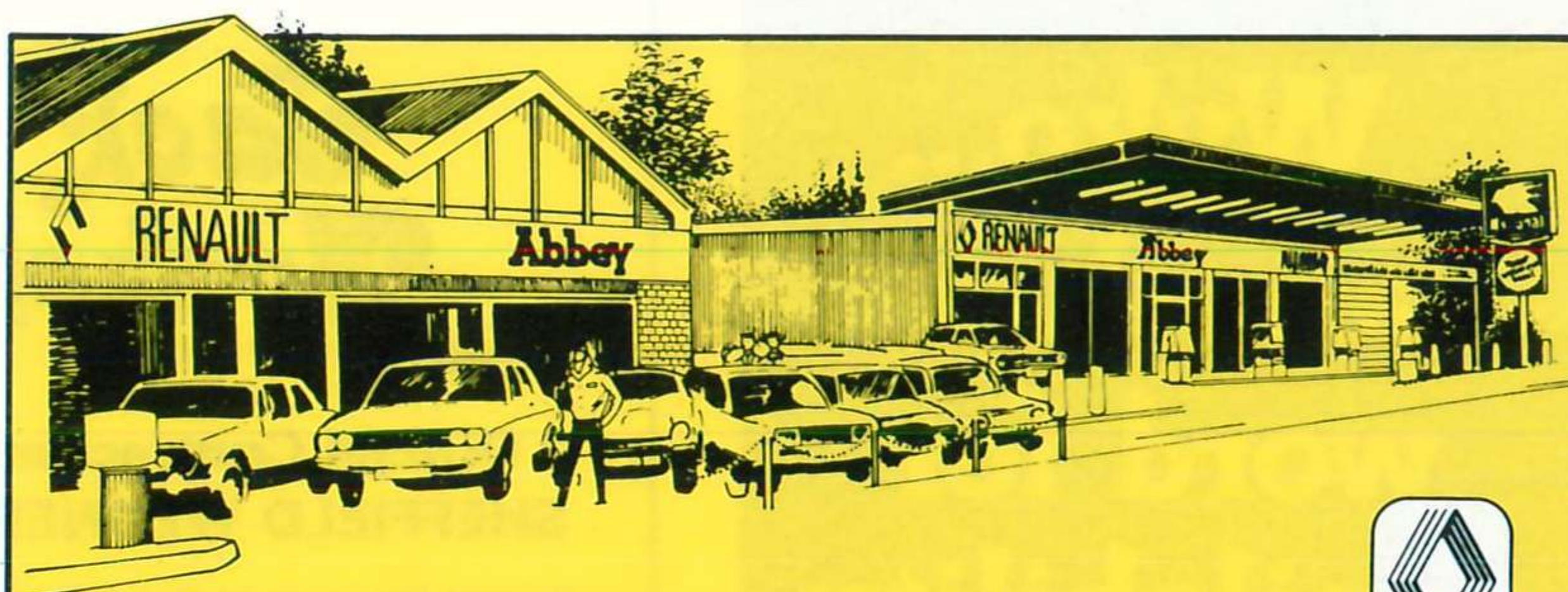
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